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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
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Dear Governor Perry:

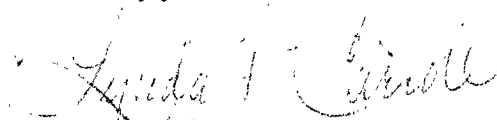
Thank you for your March 1, 2005, letter concerning the Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site in Freeport, Texas. You asked that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) allow the site to be cleaned up under the Texas Voluntary Cleanup Program so it can be deleted quickly from the National Priorities List of Superfund sites.

I share your desire to see the site cleaned up quickly and returned to productive use in the community. Toward that end, we are working with the potentially responsible parties and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to resolve several issues so the cleanup can proceed using appropriate State authority.

We believe a Federal cleanup via an Administrative Order on Consent is the most expeditious way to address this site. At meetings with the potentially responsible parties on March 7 and April 1, 2005, I requested an outline of an investigation and cleanup that would take into account EPA's oversight role, public participation, and assurance that all appropriate response actions are completed, as well as a cleanup that is consistent with other National Priorities List actions. We would like to see this matter resolved as soon as possible and anticipate a timely reply from the potentially responsible parties.

I have enclosed a fact sheet with additional information on this matter. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (214) 665-2100.

Sincerely yours,


Richard E. Greene
Regional Administrator

Enclosure